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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: A. STATE 305124(NOTAL); B. LUSAKA 3909; C. USUN 5768

1. CONTACT GROUP MET PM DECEMBER 22 TO DISCUSS FURTHER DETAILS  
OF PROXIMITY TALKS. IN RESPONSE TO LUSAKA'S CONCERNS (REF B)  
THAT SWAPO BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, GROUP AGREED THAT  
INVITATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA  
AS SOON AFTER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 AS POSSIBLE. TEXTS OF  
INVITATIONS WILL BE AGREED UPON TOMORROW. THE BRITISH USED  
THE ADVANCEMENT IN INVITATION DATE TO SUGGEST THAT  
FRONTLINE AND OTHERS NOT BE NOTIFIED OF PLANS FOR TALKS  
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UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS AFTER INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED.  
WE POINTED OUT THAT THIS ROBBED US OF EARLY PRESSURE ON  
SWAPO TO ACCEPT INVITATION AND KNOWINGLY INVITED  
SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE WHILE SWAPO, PREDICTABLY, DALLIED.  
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO EXERT NEEDED PRESSURE ON SWAPO FROM THE  
START, AS GROUP HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED (REF C)M SINCE  
OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED THAT ADVANCED PUBLIC

KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVITATIONS MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEPT, WE AGREED TO UK POSITION, RECOGNIZING THAT WORD OF THE TALKS WOULD BE OUT LONG IN ADVANCE ANYWAYS. FRONTLINE WILL THUS BE NOTIFIED ON JANUARY 3 AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED REF C.

2. GROUP ALSO CONSIDERED MATTER OF PUBLICATION DATE OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. MCHENRY PRESENTED DEPARTMENT'S VIEW (REF A) THAT EARLY PUBLICATION OF PROPOSAL WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AVOID DANGER OF SELECTIVE LEAKING AND SNIPING. OTHERS IN GROUP OPPOSED DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ARGUING: A) THAT PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE OF TALKS WOULD RISK WITHDRAWAL OF EITHER PARTY FROM TALKS BECAUSE OF PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL; B) THAT SUCH PUBLICATION WOULD RISK PUBLIC POSTURING BEFORE TALKS ON SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL; AND C) ADVANCE PUBLICATION WOULD DEPRIVE FIVE OF ANY OPPORTUNITY OF REFINING PROPOSAL FURTHER DURING TALKS. MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED. OTHERS AGREED TO REQUEST VIEWS OF CAPITALS ON THIS SUBJECT. YOUNG

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